

GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO OFFICE  
OF THE GOVERNOR  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

IN RE: \* R-99027-6

\* ABOUT: EXEMPTION REQUEST

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY \* WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION U.S. CORPS  
OF ENGINEERS. . \* EMERGENCY DREDGING

\* PORT OF ARECIBO

Applicant \*

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RESOLUTION AND NOTICE

In a meeting held on August 6, 1999, the Governing Board of the  
Environmental Quality Board considered a letter from Mr. Jose A. Buitrago of the  
u.s. Corps of Engineers. The said letter presents arguments to obtain an  
exemption to the Water Quality Certificate for the emergency dredging of the  
Port of Arecibo, so that it can remain in operation.

The area has previously been impacted by previous maintenance  
dredging. The applicant is also proposing the deposition of the dredged material  
in the Arecibo river banks, in order to help combat the erosion problems that  
exist in the beaches along the Arecibo coast. As a consequence of Hurricane  
Georges, Federal funds were assigned for the maintenance of this and other  
ports affected by sediment deposition.

**After a discussion of the merits of this application, and acting under the**  
powers vested in this Environmental Quality Board by Law Number 9 of  
June 18, 1970, Law on Environmental Public Policy, as amended, this Board

HEREBY DECIDES:

The exemption requested by the U.S. Corps of Engineers for the  
emergency dredging of Arecibo Harbor is hereby granted.

'LET NOTICE BE SENT by certified mail and return receipt requested to:  
Mr. Jose A. Buitrago, U.S. Corps of Engineers, 400 Fernandez Juncos Avenue,  
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901-3299; and in person to the following officials of the  
Environmental Quality Board: Engineer Luis Ruben Rodriguez, Vice President;  
Agronomist Maribelle Marrero, Associate member; Attorney Jennifer Mayo, Esq.,  
Legal Counselor; Attorney David Bernier, Esq., Director of the Legal Services  
Office; and Mr. Roberto Ayala, Area Director of Environmental Quality.

GIVEN in San Juan, Puerto Rico on August 6, 1999

HECTOR RUSSE MARTINEZ  
PRESIDENT

I CERTIFY: That I have forwarded a faithful and exact copy of this Resolution,  
through certified mail with return receipt, to the parties mentioned in the "Let Notice Be  
Sent," with the original preserved in file.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, on August 17, 1999.

SECRETARY GOVERNING BOARD